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Serial No.:	10/715,632	Examiner: K. H. Gebreyesus
Filed:	November 17, 2003	Customer No.: 21559
Title:	COMPOSITIONS INVOLVING M-RIP, AND RELATED METHODS FOR SCREENING FOR ANTI-HYPERTENSIVE AGENTS, AND USES THEREOF	

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1.   I am a joint inventor on the above-referenced patent application.

2.   I have read the Office Action mailed November 4, 2004.

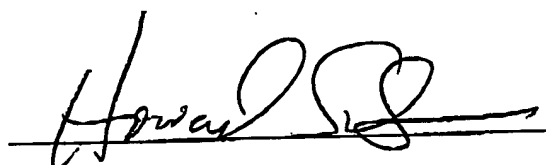3.   Any description of the above-referenced invention in Surks et al., J. Biol. Chem. 2003, 278:51484-51493 was the contribution of Michael E. Mendelsohn and myself alone, notwithstanding the inclusion of an additional author on the paper.

4.   Claims 5, 6, and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) by Inazawa et al. GenBank accession no. AB098507, which was published on June 21, 2003. The claimed
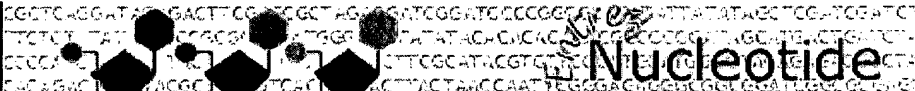
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invention was reduced to practice on or before May 12, 2003, as evidenced by the date of

submission of SEQ ID NO: 19 of the instant application to GenBank (Exhibit A).

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